

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel. the  
State Engineer,

Plaintiff,

V.

ROMAN ARAGON, et al.,

**Defendants.**

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## Rio Chama Adjudication

## STATUS REPORT ON SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN CLAIMS

Pursuant to the Court's *sua sponte* Order, dated May 30, 2003, the United States hereby reports on the status of negotiations or settlement talks concerning Pueblo or Tribal rights.

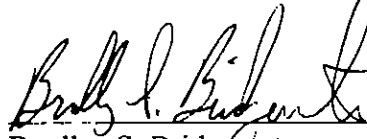
1. There have been no changes in the status of this case, with regard to settlement of Pueblo or tribal rights, since the report submitted by the United States on June 27, 2003. Other than the Jicarilla Apache Nation's rights, which as reported previously have been decreed pursuant to a completed settlement, the only Indian water rights within the scope of this adjudication are those of the San Juan Pueblo. Although the Pueblo and several other parties have, in the past, expressed an interest in settlement, no negotiations are ongoing at this time and no Federal Negotiating Team has been appointed by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

2. The United States circulated a draft of this report on December 18, 2003 and has received no objections from other parties. Mr. Taylor, for the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Mr. Newville, for the State, and Mr. Waltz, for 27 acequia members of the Rio

Chama Acequia Association, have indicated their concurrence. Mr. Phillips replied with no comments.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of December, 2003.

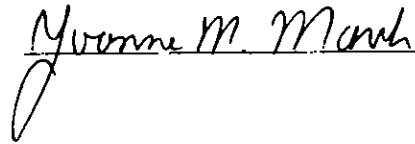
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I hereby certify that on December 29, 2003, I mailed copies of the foregoing *Status Report* to all persons on the attached service list.

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